

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, as follows:

This Application is a continuation of ~~United States Application~~ U.S. Serial Number No. 10/232,858, filed September 3, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,855,808, which is a continuation of United Sates Application Serial Number 08/915,004, filed August 20,1997, which is a continuation-in-part of international application PCT/JP96/00374, filed February 20, 1996, which claims priority to Japanese applications JP/054977, filed February 20, 1995 and JP/207508, filed July 21, 1995.